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1        2.        The method of claim 1 wherein the rating level of the real-time communication is  
2        conveyed to at least one of the client computers.

1        4.        The method of claim 1 wherein the determining of the rating level for the real-  
2        time communication occurs simultaneously with the real-time communication.

1        6.        The method of claim 1 further including terminating the real-time communication  
2        of at least one of the client computers based upon the rating level.

1        7.        The method of claim 1 including predetermining at a first of the at least two client  
2        computers a maximum rating level at which the real-time communication may be  
3        maintained; originating one or more keywords at a second of the at least two client  
4        computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum rating level; and terminating  
5        real-time communication of the first client computer.

1        8.        The method of claim 1 further including predetermining a maximum rating level  
2        at which the real-time communication may be maintained; originating one or more  
3        keywords at one of the client computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum  
4        rating level; and identifying the one client computer originating the keyword above the  
5        maximum rating.

1        9.        The method of claim 1 including predetermining a maximum rating level at which  
2        the real-time communication may be maintained; originating one or more keywords at  
3        one of the client computers which triggers a rating level above the maximum rating level;  
4        and terminating real-time communication of the one client computer.

1        10.       The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level  
2        determined for the real-time communication.

1        11.       The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level  
2        determined for the real-time communication based upon the highest keyword rating  
3        within a selected time period.

1        12.       The method of claim 1 further including continuously updating the rating level  
2        determined for the real-time communication based upon a weighted average of keyword  
3        ratings within a selected time period.

1 13. The method of claim 1 further including determining the range of the rating level  
2 determined for the real-time communication based upon highest and lowest keyword  
3 ratings within a selected time period.

1 14. The method of claim 1 further including connecting a subsequent client computer  
2 to the network without establishing real-time communication; viewing at the subsequent  
3 client computer the rating level of the real-time communication; and connecting the  
4 subsequent client computer to the real-time communication based upon the rating level.

1 15. The method of claim 1 wherein separate real-time communication occurs between  
2 different groups of client computers, and including determining a rating level for the real-  
3 time communication for each group of client computers.

1 16. The method of claim 1 wherein the keyword is selected from the group consisting  
2 of text, audio, video and graphical communication.

1 17. A method of monitoring real-time communication on a computer network  
2 between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:  
3 providing a real-time communication monitoring system on a computer network  
4 including a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined  
5 rating; the system adapted to: i) monitor real-time communication between at least  
6 two client computers connected by the network; ii) detect said keywords in the  
7 real-time communication; and iii) determine for the real-time communication a  
8 rating level based upon the predefined rating of said keywords;  
9 connecting a subsequent client computer to the network without establishing real-time  
10 communication with the at least two client computers;  
11 viewing at the subsequent client computer the rating level of the real-time  
12 communication between the at least two client computers; and

13 connecting the subsequent client computer to the real-time communication based  
14 upon the rating level.

1 18. A system for monitoring real-time communication on a computer network  
2 between at least two client computers connected by the network comprising:  
3 a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;  
4 means for monitoring real-time communication on a computer network between at  
5 least two client computers connected by the network;  
6 means for detecting said keywords in the real-time communication; and  
7 means for determining for the real-time communication a rating level based upon the  
8 predefined rating of said keywords.  
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1 19. A computer program product for monitoring real-time communication on a  
2 computer network between at least two client computers connected by the network  
3 comprising:  
4 a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a predefined rating;  
5 program code means for monitoring real-time communication on a computer network  
6 between at least two client computers connected by the network;  
7 program code means for detecting said keywords in the real-time communication; and  
8 program code means for determining for the real-time communication a rating level  
9 based upon the predefined rating of said keywords.  
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1 20. A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program  
2 of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for monitoring real-time  
3 communication on a computer network between at least two client computers connected  
4 by the network using a database of keywords, each of said keywords linked to a  
5 predefined rating, the method comprising:

6 monitoring real-time communication on a computer network between at least two  
7 client computers connected by the network;  
8 detecting said keywords in the real-time communication; and  
9 determining for the real-time communication a rating level based upon the predefined  
10 rating of said keywords.

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